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APRIL 15, 2008

In August 2007, Martin Luther King-Harbor Medical Center closed, after loss of certification. At the Board's direction, the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Health Services quickly initiated a process to determine if a private operator could be found to re-open MLK Hospital. A consultant was hired to facilitate the process on behalf of the County. A Request for Solutions was issued, with proposals due in November 2007, which resulted in proposals which included Pacific Hospital in Long Beach. At the same time, the consultant directly contacted specific entities which were known to have the capacity to operate a facility such as MLK Hospital. These entities included Catholic Healthcare West, Daughters of Charity and the University of California.

Recent reports indicated that the County was initiating negotiations with Pacific Hospital and that Pacific Hospital has now pulled out of these negotiations. It is important that the process to identify an operator for MLK Hospital proceed.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Chief Executive Officer to report on the status of negotiations with Pacific Hospital, including alternative plans and recommendations to reopen MLK Hospital.

I, FURTHER MOVE, THAT THIS BOARD:

Direct the CEO to present his report at the April 22, 2008 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

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